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<b>HUSBAND</b>	Russell "Russ"	Howard	JENNINGS, II
	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)
Born	c. 1961	Where	
Died		Where	
Burial		Where	
Father	Russell "Russ" Howard Jennings, I	Mother's Maiden Name	Beth
Married	20 Sept. 1985	Where	Franklin Creek Baptist Church
			Rev. Tommy Green officiated.

<b>WIFE</b>	Donna	Sue	SOUTHERN
Born	c. 1966	Where	
Died		Where	
Burial		Where	
Father	Vernon Elvin Southern	Mother's Maiden Name	Betty Poole

Male or Female	C H I L D R E N (in order of birth) (For marriages see same number at bottom of page)	BORN			PLACE OF BIRTH			DIED		
		Day	Mo.	Yr.				Day	Mo.	Yr.
M	1 Russell Howard Jennings III	1	Apr.	1990	Jefferson Davis Mem. Hospital Natchez, MS					
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**MARRIAGES OF ABOVE CHILDREN**

(DATE)	(NAME OF SPOUSE)	Source of information shown on this family record:
1		MS Press News Clippings
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*Jennings Family Reunion  
July 11 – July 13, 2008  
Washington, DC*

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*From the Chairman's desk. . .*

*July 11, 2008*

*Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> Family reunion of the Jennings Family. I look forward to greeting each of you and learning of your experiences since our last Reunion.*

*In addition I would like to welcome you to Washington, DC, the site of our first reunion away from Mississippi. Planning for this Reunion has been a challenge. The committee worked hard to come up with a new format, and we hope that it is entertaining, enlightening, and enjoyable.*

*We are still faced with the challenge of making our Reunions more attractive and/or appealing to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation. I thought moving the reunion out of Mississippi would be the answer. It doesn't appear to have worked this year. We need your suggestions for another try in 2010.*

*Thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of this Reunion. I thank you for attending the Reunion and I pray for good health and safe travel for all of you.*

*Julius D. Washington  
Chairman,  
Reunion Planning Committee*

## **Our Deepest Fear**

Marianne Williamson

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness  
That most frightens us.

We ask ourselves  
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?  
Actually, who are you not to be?  
You are a child of God.

Your playing small  
Does not serve the world.  
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking  
So that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine,  
As children do.  
We were born to make manifest  
The glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us;  
It's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,  
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.  
As we're liberated from our own fear,  
Our presence automatically liberates others.

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## Weekend Activities

Friday, July 11	7:00PM-10:00PM	ARRIVAL (Meet & Greet) Registration & Social Hour Hospitality Suite
Saturday, July 12	8:30AM-10:30AM	BREAKFAST Banquet Hall
Saturday, July 12	11:00AM-TO DARK	SITESEEING in DC (By Groups)
Saturday, July 12	8:00PM-12:00AM	SOCIAL HOUR Location TBA
Sunday, July 13	8:30AM-10:30AM	FAREWELL BREAKFAST Banquet Hall

\*Hospitality Suite and Banquet Hall are located at the Greenbelt Marriott, 6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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## Programme

Welcome

Scripture

Blessing of the Food

\*\*\* Breakfast Served \*\*\*

Poem

Moment of Reflection on the Dearly Departed

Words of Wisdom

Song

Prizes and Activities

Closing

## Our Story

*A Family Chronology*

*This family reunion recognizes the descendants of William and Susan Jennings. William was born of slave parents and came from Virginia around 1840. Susan was from New Orleans, Louisiana.*

*(If you can add any information to any of these stories (i.e. dates, birthplaces, church attended – anything) please send to Mildred Grimble)*

### William “Billy” Jennings and Susan Lampton Jennings

William Jennings came to Pike County (Mississippi) and purchased 400 acres of land. He selected a suitable site for his home and burned a tree so that he would be able to locate the site when he returned.

He did return, built his home and started a family with Susan Lampton Jennings of New Orleans, Louisiana.

The union produced 14 children (six boys and eight girls). They were Joe, Willie, Mary Ann, Rudolph, Pearla, Virginia, Adam, Noah, Selena, Martha, Isabelle, Isiah, Katie and Rosa. The children were reared on a a farm and eventually chose their own helpmates and married.

William was a deacon at Gallilee Baptist Church in Holmesville until his death.

## Rosa Jennings

**Rosa Jennings** was the last born of **William and Susan Jennings**. She was born in a log cabin in Pike County, Mississippi. Rosa Jennings was married to **Tom Williams**, to which nine children were born. Tom Williams was a grocer, dairyman, butcher and truck farmer. He also operated a cane press and a grist mill.

The family celebrated the Fourth of July with all of the other families in the community by having a large picnic on the family grounds. The union produced Ernest Williams, Velma Downs, Susie Mae Barnes, Bill Williams, Mary C. Allen, Rosetta Alexander, Emile Williams, Grace Keigler, and Tommy Williams. Two children were adopted by Rosa and Tom Williams, and were raised as brother and sister to the other children. They were Alberta Simmons and Isadore Simmons.

## Willie Jennings

**Willie Jennings**, son of William and Susan Jennings, was married to **Lizzie Tolbert**. He was a very successful farmer. Willie and Lizzie were the parents of 11 children: Virginia, Willie Mae, Nellie, Myrtis, Erma, Edna, Moses, Odell, Herbert, Susie and Geneva.

The branches of the family tree have indeed grown in many professional directions. The children of Willie and Lizzie Jennings pursued varied careers in the communities where they lived.

Willie, Lizzie, Willie Mae, Virginia, Nellie, Myrtis, Herbert, Moses, Odell, and Geneva are deceased. Erma Jennings Jackson resides in Gary, Indiana. Edna Jennings Smith and Susie Jennings Williams reside in McComb. All are retired and live peaceful and enjoyable lives.

Willie Jennings II was widowed early in his marriage and raised eight of the 11 children alone. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years.

## Joe Jennings

**Joe Jennings**, the eldest son of William and Susan Jennings, married **Lizzie Dillon** in Pike County, Mississippi. They were the parents of eight children. The children - Luhonor, Theodore, Bertran, Ora, Ruth, Gladys, Alphonse, and Arnette - were reared on a farm with a small family income. Joe walked several miles to work each day to check the railroad for defects in the rails, tires, etc.

The family was fortunate to live in a school district that had nine-month sessions. As each child reached school age, he/she was enrolled in school. Joe supervised the homework of his children from grammar school through portions of their high school years.

After completing grammar school, the boys went away to work and continue their education. The girls transferred to the nearest high school in the county. The children completed their high school and college education on the campus of Alcorn College, through the school's summer program. Several earned licenses to teach and became involved in the education process. Luhonor married Ed Willie Burns who later became a successful Baptist minister. They had six sons.

Five of Joe Jennings' children were associated with the education of youth in their communities. When Theodore and Bertran finished their college work, they went into the teaching profession as did Ruth, who received a B.S. degree from Alcorn.

The members of the family continued to marry and establish themselves in many communities in Mississippi and Louisiana:

Theodore married **Lizzella Scott** and parented five children;  
**Bertran** married **Mattie Wood** and they had three sons;  
**Ruth** married **Murray Nick**;  
**Ora** married **Ernest Matthews** and bore three children;  
**Gladys** married **Joe Washington** and they bore three children;  
**Alphonse** married **Cleo Jefferson** and to this union ten children were born;  
**Arnette** left two children after his fate in World War II.

Joe Jennings had a fifth son, **Oliver Jackson**. He was known by his friends and relatives as "Spring". Spring married **Evie Dillion** and had one child, **Milton Jackson**, who now resides in Chicago.

The members of the Joe Jennings family tree began to weaken and fall as follows: Ora, Arnette, Joe, Lizzie, Theodore, Bertran, Gladys and Luhonor. The remaining branches are Ruth, Alphonse, and Oliver.

## **Isiah Jennings**

**Isiah Jennings** married **Buelah Otis** who was a resident of Pike County. They were dedicated residents of the community and were active in church work. To this union eight children were born. They were Pearlie, Leslie, Frank, J.C, I.W., E.D., Mack Vertis, and Roy.

**Pearlie** lived in Pike County all of her life. She worked in fields farming cotton and was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist. She died in Chicago.

**Leslie** married **Johnnie Mildred Pittman**. To this union one child was born. They lived in Harvey, Illinois, where he worked on the railroad and at Avery Body Plant. He was also a foreman at an airplane plant.

**Frank** married **Eliza Mae Matthews** and to this union no children were born. He was an auto mechanic and she was a housewife. Frank later married **Dorothy Florence** who was an insurance agent for Collins Insurance Company. They live in Jackson, MS, where he operates an auto repair shop. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 332nd Air Force Fighter Group. He is a member of New Hope Baptist Church where he serves as a Sunday School Superintendent, deacon and instructor of the BTU.

**J.C.** is married to Gladys and they have one child, Clarice. They lived in Chicago where he worked for a roofing plant until he retired. He now resides in McComb, MS.

**E.D.** was sick at birth and died at age 11.

**Mack Vertis Jennings** married **Woods Quinn** and lived in Harvey, Illinois. She had five children. She was a member of Second Baptist Church where she worked tirelessly.

**Raymond (Baby Ray)** married **Mary** and they lived in Harvey, Illinois, where he was employed as a postal worker. He was a member of Mount Kingdon Baptist Church. He worked in the church and community until he retired. He returned to Pike County where he now resides.

**I.W. Jennings** was another of Isiah's sons who worked hard in the church and community.

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## **Isabelle Jennings**

**Isabelle**, the twelfth child of William and Susan Jennings, was married to **David Coleman** from West Point, MS. They lived in Brookhaven and raised five children. David was a lumber contractor and a preacher. He worked at Lincoln County Mill. Isabelle was a housewife and organist for the Temple Church of God in Christ.

The children born to this union were: **Oliver**, who lives in Jackson; **Cenia** who lives in Richmond, CA. Cenia works faithfully in the church. She had four children; **Mary** lives in Oakland, CA and has one son, David; **Timothy**, who is deceased, was the father of one son, Timothy, Jr., who lives in Berkeley, CA.; **Rosa**, who was Isabelle's youngest child, lived in Brookhaven where she was employed as a laundry worker and did house work. She was active in the community doing volunteer work at the food bank. She married T.J. Pickett and had five children: Thomas James, Jr., Judy, Sharon Ann, Rose Mary, and Gloria Jean. Her children are employed in New York, Washington, Jackson, MS, and Michigan. They have careers in education, computer science, and accounting. They are active in church work and are dedicated to raising their families.

## **Selena Jennings**

**Selena**, the eighth child of William and Susan Jennings, was married to **Rudolph Washington**. He was a farmer who lived in the McComb area. To this union, seven children were born. They were Susie, Lillian, Maggie, Katie, Elwood, James (Ted), and Ora.

The children of Selena and Rudolph married, had families and are active in their respective communities. James was kept busy with church activities at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon until his death. Ora is the proud mother of three children and ten grandchildren. Her daughter, Eloise, who lives in Champaign, IL., is employed at the University of Illinois in the Department of Cell and Structural Biology. She married George Butts and to this union three children were born. Susie and Lillian were housewives.

The family of Selena and Rudolph Washington was an asset to the community and gave great service to the nursing profession. Katie and Maggie were employed as health care professionals for 25 years.

The family tree of Selena and Rudolph lost branches as the years passed. They were Susie, Lillian, Maggie, Elwood and James. The two remaining branches are Ora and Katie.

## Katie Jennings

**Katie L. Jennings** was the sixth child of William and Susan Jennings. She grew up on the farm owned by her parents in McComb, MS. Katie attended the neighborhood church and joined at an early age. She also attended school in Pike County.

Katie married **Bell Luther Turner**, who was also raised on his parents farm near McComb. He was the oldest of twelve children. Bell Luther's parents gave the newly weds a section of land on which they built their home. They lived and worked in this community all of their lives. Bell Luther was a trustee in the school, a church worker and a choir director who worked across the lower Mississippi area. Katie was a motivating force in the lives of her children and in the community. She supported Bell Luther in everything he did in the community.

To this union ten children were born. There were five boys and five girls. The second boy died at eleven months of age. The remaining nine children grew to be responsible adults and chose to live in Louisiana and Michigan. Only two of the children remained in McComb. The children chose careers in a variety of fields. W.L. worked for Dodge Motor Company, Thomas was an auto mechanic, Olivia was a seamstress, who designed costumes for King Zulu, Hollis was a farmer, Burma was a teacher, Carnelia was a teacher and a caterer. Carnelia was also an artist. She was invited to have a showing in a museum. Hattie was a seamstress, Eddie was an auto mechanic who worked for Ford Motor Company, and Emmaline was a supervisor of nurses in a hospital.

Katie was a devoted wife, mother and neighbor. She was available to take care of the sick in the community. She nursed her ill sister, Pearlie, until her death. She organized a community quilting club where unique patterns were designed and beautiful quilts were made. These quilts won many prizes in community competitions. Katie was an excellent cook. She had her own recipe for egg pie and sweet potato pie that became widespread throughout the community. Her quiet, calm caring attitude greatly influenced the attitudes of her children. The success of her children in their careers is attributed to the philosophy of Katie Jennings Turner.

The family branch of Katie and Bell Luther have all been lost except for Emmaline. She lives a quiet life in Detroit, Michigan.

## *The History of Jennings Crossing*

William Jennings bought the spot of land from the Fernwood Company for \$4 an acre. The size of the purchase was 400 acres. He dug a well for a water supply. The water bucket was bricked so that it would sink into the well. There was a small log cabin built on the site where three of his children were born. He later added rooms to accommodate other children as the family grew.

Because of his loyalty to the community and popularity in the area, the section was named for him.

There was a property dispute between William Jennings, Sr., and Eleanor Atkinson, which is evidenced by court records of the legal action taken to regain the property.

William Jennings borrowed money from Clinton Atkinson, by signing a promissory note and using approximately 200 acres as collateral. The note stated that (2) two payments would be paid in the amount of \$125.00 each. One would be paid on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1889 and the other on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1890, with an interest of 10% per annum, upon maturity of the note.

Upon the death of Clinton Atkinson, Eleanor Atkinson, who was the administrator of the estate, attempted to claim the property as a part of the estate. William Jennings took the case to court to prove that he had, in fact, paid the debt and cleared the title. This case was to be argued in open court, but Ella Atkinson failed to appear or answer the petition.

It seems that an error had been made in the court records, which had caused this court action. This error was corrected by court decree. The decree stated that, by deed of special warranty, the title of the land be returned to William Jennings. This was adjudged and decreed on June 10, 1903. This land dispute case was continued after the death of William Jennings, Sr., by his son William Jennings, Jr.

It was finally adjudicated and the land title cleared by the court in a decree issued on November 12, 1929.

## *Dearly Departed 2007 -2008*

*01/21/07, Royal Jennings, descendant of Isiah Jennings*

*07/08/07, Beatrice Christine Jennings, daughter-in-law of T. M. Jennings,  
descendant of Joe Jennings.*

*08/05/07, Tommie Downs, son of Velma Downs, Descendant of Rosa  
Jennings.*

*09/18/07, Herbert L. Jennings, Jr. son of Herbert L. Jennings, descendant of  
Willie Jennings.*

*Unknown, Isiah Jennings, Jr., descendant of Isiah Jennings.*

*03/05/08, Emmaline Mitchell, descendant of Katie Jennings*

*03/13/08, Billy Black, son-in-law of Alphonse Jennings, Sr., descendant of  
Joe Jennings.*

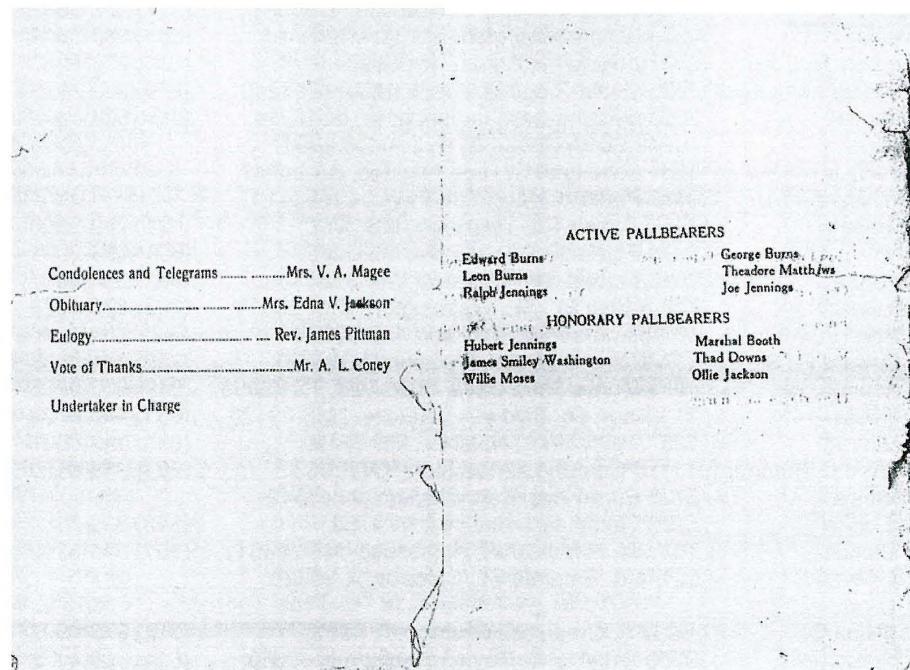
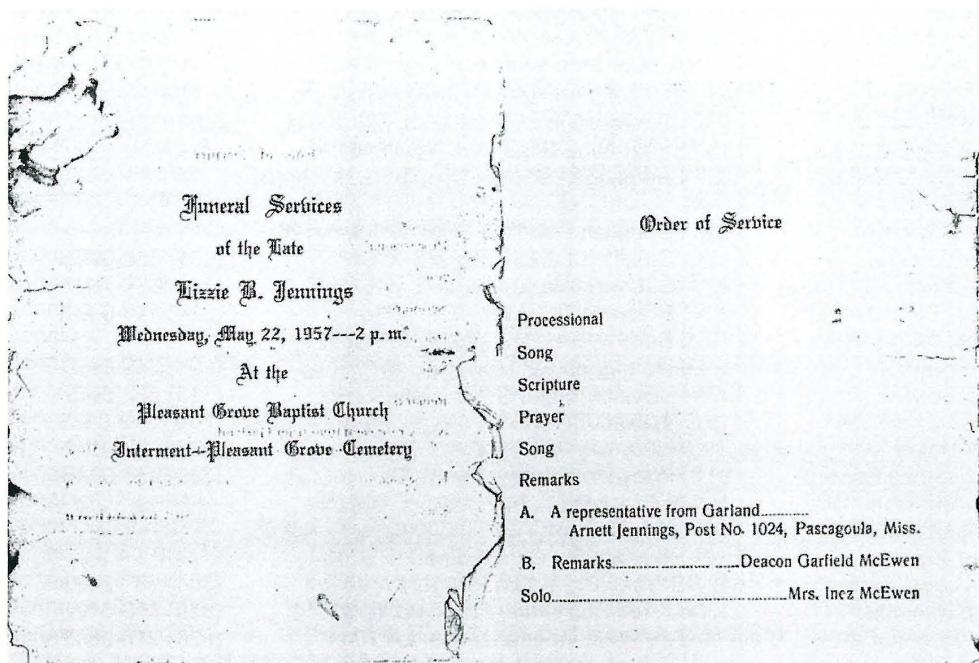
*"Life is not a 'brief candle'. It is a splendid torch that I want to make burn as brightly as possible before  
handing on to future generations."*

*George Bernard Shaw*

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Gladys Jennings, Julius Washington, and Ruth Jennings



Ruth Jennings

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**T.M. Jennings & Lizella  
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**T.M. Jennings Jr.**

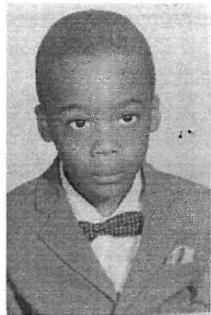


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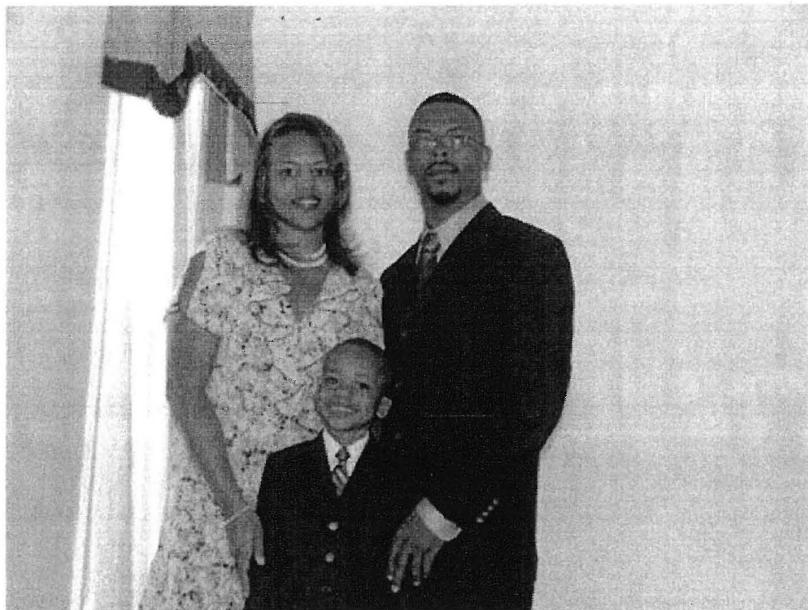


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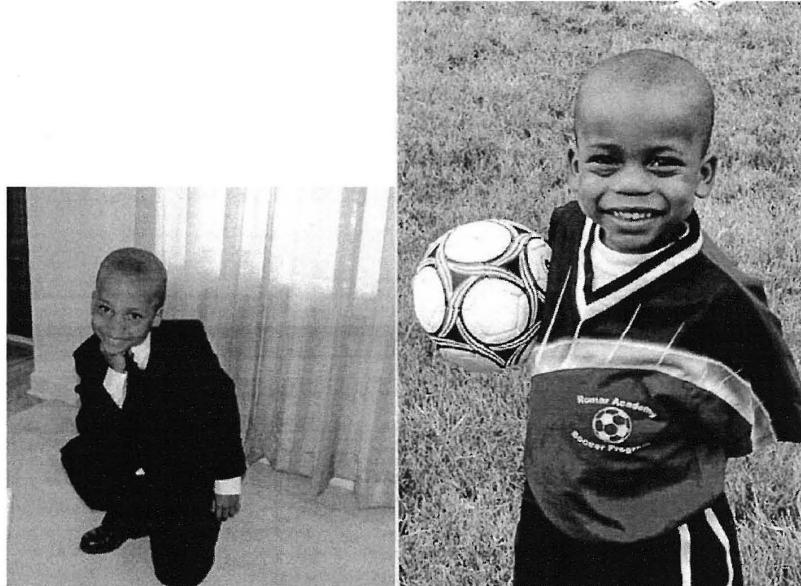
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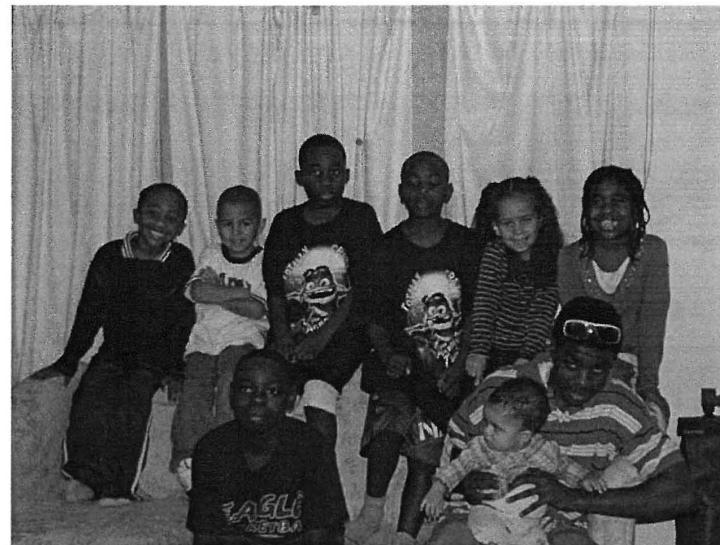


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**Uncle Nick, (Murray), Aunt Ruth, Henry, Leon Burns – in car  
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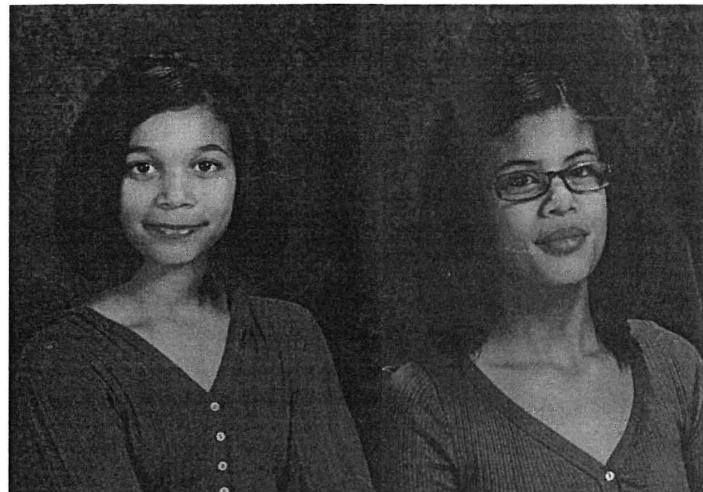


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Rev. & Mrs. Tellis C. Burns Granddaughters  
Raven Alexis Burns      Marissa Jayne Burns

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next reunion.*

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION  
IN THE  
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### The Black Family Pledge

Dr. Maya Angelou

BECAUSE we have forgotten our  
ancestors,  
our children no longer give us honor.

BECAUSE we have lost the path our  
ancestors cleared kneeling in perilous  
undergrowth, our children cannot find  
their way.

BECAUSE we have banished the God of  
our ancestors, our children cannot pray.

BECAUSE the old wails of our ancestors  
have faded beyond our hearing, our  
children cannot hear us crying.

BECAUSE we have abandoned our  
wisdom of mothering and fathering, our  
befuddled children give birth to children  
they neither want nor understand.

BECAUSE we have forgotten how to  
love, the adversary is within our gates,  
and holds us up to the mirror of the world  
shouting, "Regard the loveless".

Therefore we pledge to bind ourselves  
to one another, to embrace our lowliest,  
to keep company with our loneliest, to  
educate our illiterate, to feed our  
starving, to clothe our ragged, to do all  
good things, knowing that we are more  
than keepers of our brothers and  
sisters. We ARE our brothers and  
sisters.

IN HONOR of those who toiled and  
implored God with golden tongues, and  
in gratitude to the same God who  
brought us out of hopeless desolation,

**We make this pledge.**



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*From the Chairman's desk. . .*

*July 9, 2010*

*Welcome to the 12<sup>th</sup> Family reunion of the Jennings Family. I look forward to greeting each of you and learning of your experiences since our last Reunion.*

*In addition I would like to welcome you to Atlanta, GA, the site of our second reunion away from Mississippi. Planning for this Reunion has been very challenging. The committee worked hard to build on the format from the reunion in Washington, and we hope that it is entertaining, enlightening, and enjoyable.*

*We are still faced with the challenge of making our Reunions more attractive and/or appealing to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation. In 2006, it was suggested that moving the reunion out of Mississippi would be the answer. The attendance was down in 2008 and it appears that it will be even lower in Atlanta. We need your suggestions for another try in 2012.*

*Thanks to all of you who contributed to the success of this Reunion. I thank you for attending the Reunion and I pray for good health and safe travel for all of you.*

***Julius D. Washington***  
*Chairman, Reunion Planning Committee*

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**Our Deepest Fear**  
Marianne Williamson

**Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond  
measure.**

**It is our light, not our darkness**

**That most frightens us.**

**We ask ourselves**

**Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabu-  
lous?**

**Actually, who are you not to be?**

**You are a child of God.**

**Your playing small**

**Does not serve the world.**

**There's nothing enlightened about shrinking  
So that other people won't feel insecure around  
you.**

**We are all meant to shine,**

**As children do.**

**We were born to make manifest**

**The glory of God that is within us.**

**It's not just in some of us;**

**It's in everyone.**

**And as we let our own light shine,**

**We unconsciously give other people permission  
to do the same.**

**As we're liberated from our own fear,**

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## Weekend Activities

Friday, July 9, 2010	6:00PM-10:00PM	ARRIVAL (Meet & Greet) Registration & Social Hour Location TBA
Saturday, July 10, 2010	8:30AM-10:30AM	BREAKFAST On Your Own
Saturday, July 10, 2010	11:00AM-4:00PM	SITE SEEING (By Groups)
Saturday, July 10, 2010	6:00PM-7:00PM	RECEPTION Music by Joe Jennings Location TBA
Saturday, July 10, 2010	7:30PM-10:00PM	BANQUET Location TBA
Saturday, July 10, 2010	10:00PM-11:30PM	HOSPITALITY Location TBA
Sunday, July 11, 2010	8:30AM-10:30AM	FAREWELL BREAKFAST Location TBA

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## 2010 Jennings Family Reunion Banquet Program

Master of Ceremonies – James Edward Black

Musical Prelude -- Joe Jennings Band

Welcome -- Marla Morgan

Prayer -- Rev. T.C. Burns

Introduction of the Speaker -- Phyllis Smith

Dinner Speaker -- Nichelle Smith

Candlelight ceremony -- Chelsea Jennings

Entertainment -- Dana James

Benediction -- Rev. T.C. Burns

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## Our Story

*A Family Chronology*

*This family reunion recognizes the descendants of William and Susan Jennings. William was born of slave parents and came from Virginia around 1840. Susan was from New Orleans, Louisiana.*

*(If you can add any information to any of these stories (i.e. dates, birthplaces, church attended – anything) please send to Mildred Grimble)*

### William “Billy” Jennings and Susan Lampton Jennings

**William Jennings** came to Pike County (Mississippi) and purchased 400 acres of land. He selected a suitable site for his home and burned a tree so that he would be able to locate the site when he returned.

He did return, built his home and started a family with **Susan Lampton Jennings** of New Orleans, Louisiana.

The union produced 14 children (six boys and eight girls). They were Joe, Willie, Mary Ann, Rudolph, Pearla, Virginia, Adam, Noah, Selena, Martha, Isabelle, Isiah, Katie and Rosa. The children were reared on a a farm and eventually chose their own helpmates and married.

William was a deacon at Gallilee Baptist Church in Holmesville until his death.

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### Rosa Jennings

**Rosa Jennings** was the last born of **William and Susan Jennings**. She was born in a log cabin in Pike County, Mississippi. Rosa Jennings was married to **Tom Williams**, to which nine children were born. Tom Williams was a grocer, dairyman, butcher and truck farmer. He also operated a cane press and a grist mill.

The family celebrated the Fourth of July with all of the other families in the community by having a large picnic on the family grounds. The union produced Ernest Williams, Velma Downs, Susie Mae Barnes, Bill Williams, Mary C. Allen, Rosetta Alexander, Emile Williams, Grace Keigler, and Tommy Williams. Two children were adopted by Rosa and Tom Williams, and were raised as brother and sister to the other children. They were Alberta Simmons and Isadore Simmons.

### Willie Jennings

**Willie Jennings**, son of William and Susan Jennings, was married to **Lizzie Tolbert**. He was a very successful farmer. Willie and Lizzie were the parents of 11 children: Virginia, Willie Mae, Nellie, Myrtis, Erma, Edna, Moses, Odell, Herbert, Susie and Geneva.

The branches of the family tree have indeed grown in many professional directions. The children of Willie and Lizzie Jennings pursued varied careers in the communities where they lived.

Willie, Lizzie, Willie Mae, Virginia, Nellie, Myrtis, Herbert, Moses, Odell, and Geneva are deceased. Erma Jennings Jackson resides in Gary, Indiana. Edna Jennings Smith and Susie Jennings Williams reside in McComb. All are retired and live peaceful and enjoyable lives.

Willie Jennings II was widowed early in his marriage and raised eight of the 11 children alone. He was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years.

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## **Joe Jennings**

**Joe Jennings**, the eldest son of William and Susan Jennings, married **Lizzie Dillon** in Pike County, Mississippi. They were the parents of eight children. The children - Luhonor, Theodore, Bertran, Ora, Ruth, Gladys, Alphonce, and Arnette - were reared on a farm with a small family income. Joe walked several miles to work each day to check the railroad for defects in the rails, tires, etc.

The family was fortunate to live in a school district that had nine-month sessions. As each child reached school age, he/she was enrolled in school. Joe supervised the homework of his children from grammar school through portions of their high school years.

After completing grammar school, the boys went away to work and continue their education. The girls transferred to the nearest high school in the county. The children completed their high school and college education on the campus of Alcorn College, through the school's summer program. Several earned licenses to teach and became involved in the education process. Luhonor married Ed Willie Burns who later became a successful Baptist minister. They had six sons.

Five of Joe Jennings' children were associated with the education of youth in their communities. When Theodore and Bertran finished their college work, they went into the teaching profession as did Ruth, who received a B.S. degree from Alcorn.

The members of the family continued to marry and establish themselves in many communities in Mississippi and Louisiana:

Theodore married **Lizzella Scott** and parented five children;  
Bertran married **Mattie Wood** and they had three sons;  
Ruth married **Murray Nick**;  
Ora married **Ernest Matthews** and bore three children;  
Gladys married **Joe Washington** and they bore three children;  
Alphonce married **Cleo Jefferson** and to this union ten children were born;  
Arnette left two children after his fate in World War II.

Joe Jennings had a fifth son, **Oliver Jackson**. He was known by his friends and relatives as "Spring". Spring married **Evie Dillion** and had one child, Milton Jackson, who now resides in Chicago.

The members of the Joe Jennings family tree began to weaken and fall as follows: Ora, Arnette, Joe, Lizzie, Theodore, Bertran, Gladys and Luhonor. The remaining branches are

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## **Isiah Jennings**

**Isiah Jennings** married **Buelah Otis** who was a resident of Pike County. They were dedicated residents of the community and were active in church work. To this union eight children were born. They were Pearlie, Leslie, Frank, J.C., I.W., E.D., Mack Vertis, and Roy.

**Pearlie** lived in Pike County all of her life. She worked in fields farming cotton and was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist. She died in Chicago.

**Leslie** married **Johnnie Mildred Pittman**. To this union one child was born. They lived in Harvey, Illinois, where he worked on the railroad and at Avery Body Plant. He was also a foreman at an airplane plant.

**Frank** married **Eliza Mae Matthews** and to this union no children were born. He was an auto mechanic and she was a housewife. Frank later married **Dorothy Florence** who was an insurance agent for Collins Insurance Company. They live in Jackson, MS, where he operates an auto repair shop. He was a Staff Sergeant in the 332nd Air Force Fighter Group. He is a member of New Hope Baptist Church where he serves as a Sunday School Superintendent, deacon and instructor of the BTU.

**J.C.** is married to Gladys and they have one child, Clarice. They lived in Chicago where he worked for a roofing plant until he retired. He now resides in McComb, MS.

**E.D.** was sick at birth and died at age 11.

**Mack Vertis Jennings** married **Woods Quinn** and lived in Harvey, Illinois. She had five children. She was a member of Second Baptist Church where she worked tirelessly.

**Raymond (Baby Ray)** married **Mary** and they lived in Harvey, Illinois, where he was employed as a postal worker. He was a member of Mount Kingdon Baptist Church. He worked in the church and community until he retired. He returned to Pike County where he now resides.

**I.W. Jennings** was another of Isiah's sons who worked hard in the church and community.

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### **Isabelle Jennings**

**Isabelle**, the twelfth child of William and Susan Jennings, was married to **David Coleman** from West Point, MS. They lived in Brookhaven and raised five children. David was a lumber contractor and a preacher. He worked at Lincoln County Mill. Isabelle was a housewife and organist for the Temple Church of God in Christ.

The children born to this union were: **Oliver**, who lives in Jackson; **Cenia** who lives in Richmond, CA. Cenia works faithfully in the church. She had four children; **Mary** lives in Oakland, CA and has one son, David; **Timothy**, who is deceased, was the father of one son, Timothy, Jr., who lives in Berkeley, CA.; **Rosa**, who was Isabelle's youngest child, lived in Brookhaven where she was employed as a laundry worker and did house work. She was active in the community doing volunteer work at the food bank. She married T.J. Pickett and had five children: Thomas James, Jr., Judy, Sharon Ann, Rose Mary, and Gloria Jean. Her children are employed in New York, Washington, Jackson, MS, and Michigan. They have careers in education, computer science, and accounting. They are active in church work and are dedicated to raising their families.

### **Selena Jennings**

**Selena**, the eighth child of William and Susan Jennings, was married to **Rudolph Washington**. He was a farmer who lived in the McComb area. To this union, seven children were born. They were Susie, Lillian, Maggie, Katie, Elwood, James (Ted), and Ora.

The children of Selena and Rudolph married, had families and are active in their respective communities. James was kept busy with church activities at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon until his death. Ora is the proud mother of three children and ten grandchildren. Her daughter, Eloise, who lives in Champaign, IL., is employed at the University of Illinois in the Department of Cell and Structural Biology. She married George Butts and to this union three children were born. Susie and Lillian were housewives.

The family of Selena and Rudolph Washington was an asset to the community and gave great service to the nursing profession. Katie and Maggie were employed as health care professionals for 25 years.

The family tree of Selena and Rudolph lost branches as the years passed. They were Susie, Lillian, Maggie, Elwood and James. The two remaining branches are Ora and Katie.

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### **Katie Jennings**

**Katie L. Jennings** was the sixth child of William and Susan Jennings. She grew up on the farm owned by her parents in McComb, MS. Katie attended the neighborhood church and joined at an early age. She also attended school in Pike County.

Katie married **Bell Luther Turner**, who was also raised on his parents farm near McComb. He was the oldest of twelve children. Bell Luther's parents gave the newly weds a section of land on which they built their home. They lived and worked in this community all of their lives. Bell Luther was a trustee in the school, a church worker and a choir director who worked across the lower Mississippi area. Katie was a motivating force in the lives of her children and in the community. She supported Bell Luther in everything he did in the community.

To this union ten children were born. There were five boys and five girls. The second boy died at eleven months of age. The remaining nine children grew to be responsible adults and chose to live in Louisiana and Michigan. Only two of the children remained in McComb. The children chose careers in a variety of fields. W.L. worked for Dodge Motor Company, Thomas was an auto mechanic, Olivia was a seamstress, who designed costumes for King Zulu, Hollis was a farmer, Burma was a teacher, Carnelia was a teacher and a caterer. Carnelia was also an artist. She was invited to have a showing in a museum. Hattie was a seamstress, Eddie was an auto mechanic who worked for Ford Motor Company, and Emmaline was a supervisor of nurses in a hospital.

Katie was a devoted wife, mother and neighbor. She was available to take care of the sick in the community. She nursed her ill sister, Pearlie, until her death. She organized a community quilting club where unique patterns were designed and beautiful quilts were made. These quilts won many prizes in community competitions. Katie was an excellent cook. She had her own recipe for egg pie and sweet potato pie that became widespread throughout the community. Her quiet, calm caring attitude greatly influenced the attitudes of her children. The success of her children in their careers is attributed to the philosophy of Katie Jennings Turner.

The family branch of Katie and Bell Luther have all been lost except for Emmaline. She lives a quiet life in Detroit, Michigan.

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## *The History of Jennings Crossing*

William Jennings bought the spot of land from the Fernwood Company for \$4 an acre. The size of the purchase was 400 acres. He dug a well for a water supply. The water bucket was bricked so that it would sink into the well. There was a small log cabin built on the site where three of his children were born. He later added rooms to accommodate other children as the family grew.

Because of his loyalty to the community and popularity in the area, the section was named for him.

There was a property dispute between William Jennings, Sr., and Eleanor Atkinson, which is evidenced by court records of the legal action taken to regain the property.

William Jennings borrowed money from Clinton Atkinson, by signing a promissory note and using approximately 200 acres as collateral. The note stated that (2) two payments would be paid in the amount of \$125.00 each. One would be paid on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1889 and the other on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1890, with an interest of 10% per annum, upon maturity of the note.

Upon the death of Clinton Atkinson, Eleanor Atkinson, who was the administrator of the estate, attempted to claim the property as a part of the estate. William Jennings took the case to court to prove that he had, in fact, paid the debt and cleared the title. This case was to be argued in open court, but Ella Atkinson failed to appear or answer the petition.

It seems that an error had been made in the court records, which had caused this court action. This error was corrected by court decree. The decree stated that, by deed of special warranty, the title of the land be returned to William Jennings. This was adjudged and decreed on June 10, 1903. This land dispute case was continued after the death of William Jennings, Sr., by his son William Jennings, Jr.

*Dearly Departed 2008 - 2010*

12/25/2008, Susie Bernice Williams, descendent of Willie Jennings.

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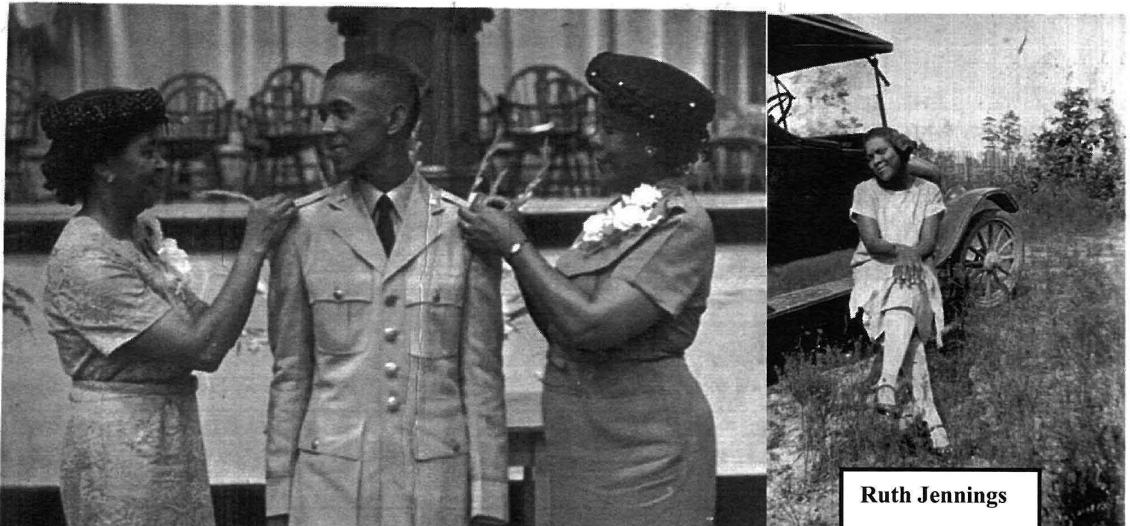
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## Photo Album



Ruth Jennings

Gladys Jennings, Julius Washington, and Ruth



T.M. Jennings & Lizella



T.M. Jennings Jr.



Lizella Jennings



Reginald and Regina Jennings

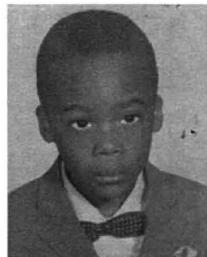


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**Kenneth Grimble**



**Willie Grimble**



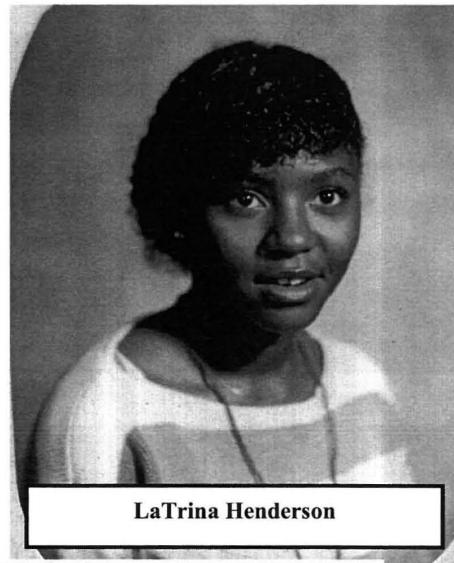
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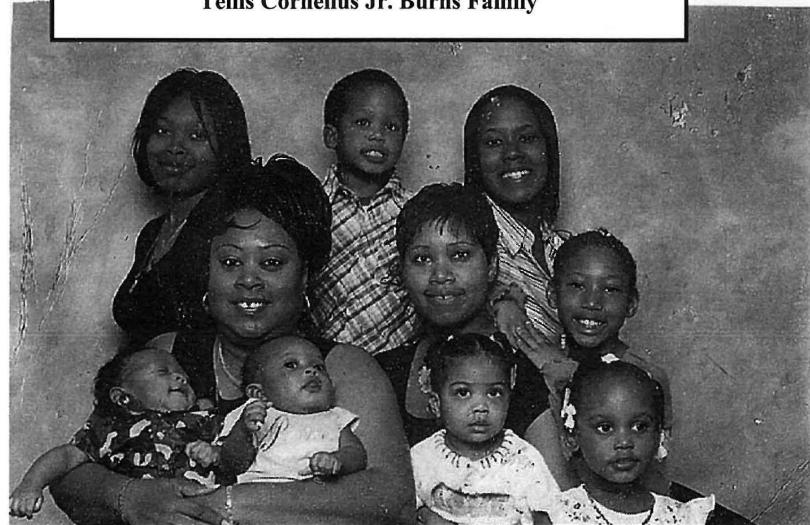
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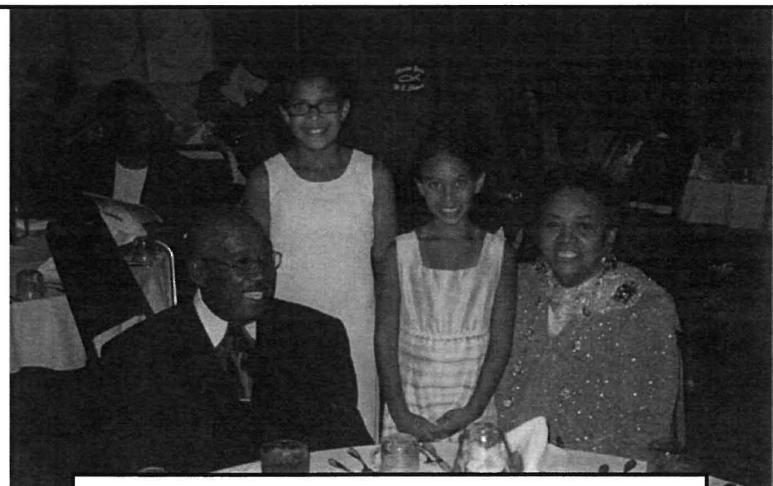
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**Tellis Cornelius Jr. Burns Family**



**Debra Burns Family  
Grand Daughters and Great Grand Children**

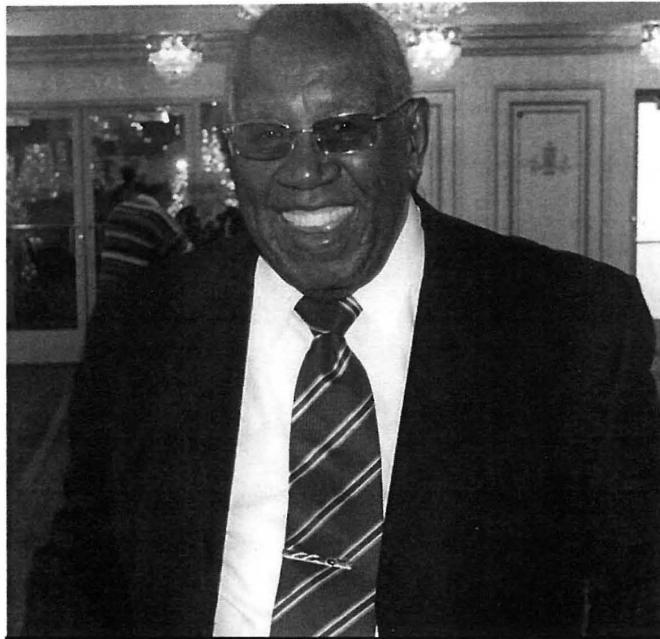


**Rev. Tellis C. Burns, Sr., Raven, Marissa, Beautine**

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**Rev. Tellis Cornelius Burns Sr.**  
50th Wedding Anniversary February 6, 2010



**Bautine Baker Burns**  
50th Wedding Anniversary February 6, 2010

**Congratulations on your 50th Wedding Anniversary**

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Plainfield's Illinois Raptors 9U/3rd grade AAU boys basketball went 5-0 at the AAU State Tournament

Kenan Collier of Steck Elementary (Aurora)



Doris Jacques & Joyce Thompson Grandchildren

*Please consider sharing your photographs for the next reunion.*

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION  
IN THE  
2010 REUNION!**

### **The Black Family Pledge**

Dr. Maya Angelou

BECAUSE we have forgotten our ancestors,  
our children no longer give us honor.  
BECAUSE we have lost the path our ancestors cleared kneeling in perilous undergrowth, our children cannot find their way.  
BECAUSE we have banished the God of our ancestors, our children cannot pray.  
BECAUSE the old wails of our ancestors have faded beyond our hearing, our children cannot hear us crying.  
BECAUSE we have abandoned our wisdom of mothering and fathering, our be-fuddled children give birth to children they neither want nor understand.  
BECAUSE we have forgotten how to love, the adversary is within our gates, and holds us up to the mirror of the world shouting, "Regard the loveless".  
Therefore we pledge to bind ourselves to one another, to embrace our lowliest, to keep company with our loneliest, to educate our illiterate, to feed our starving, to clothe our ragged, to do all good things, knowing that we are more than keepers of our brothers and sisters. We ARE our brothers and sisters.  
IN HONOR of those who toiled and implored God with golden tongues, and in gratitude to the same God who brought us out of hopeless desolation,

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## Announcements

The Raptors organization is currently seeking local sponsors to help send the basketball team to the national competition. Those interested in contributing to this great effort can visit [millsathleticcouncil.org/90.html](http://millsathleticcouncil.org/90.html) to make a donation or send a check/money order to Mills Athletic Council, Attn: 9U Raptors Fundraising, PO Box 23, Plainfield, IL 60544

## Notes

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Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States and the nation's first African-American president Tuesday, January 20, 2009

*“Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real.*

*They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America: They will be met.*

*On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear; unity of purpose over conflict and discord.*

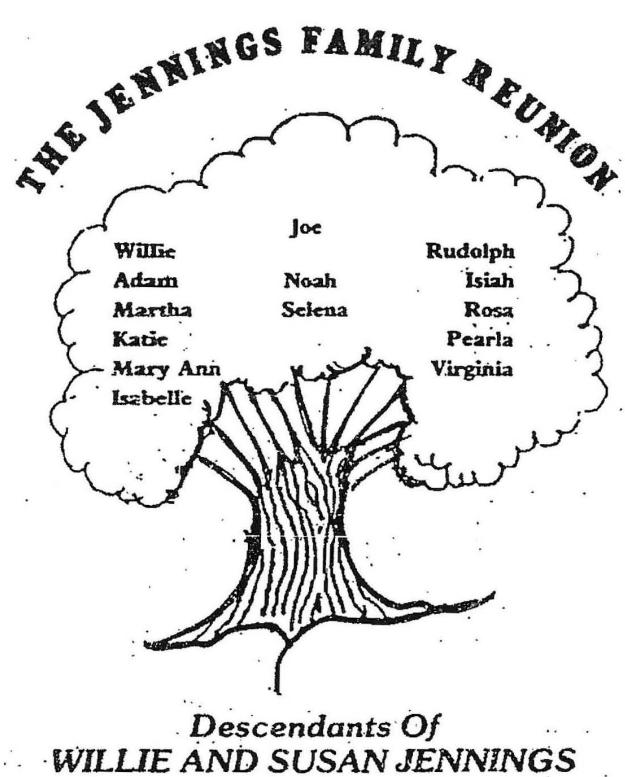
*On this day, we come to proclaim an end to the petty grievances and false promises, the recriminations and worn-out dogmas, that for far too long have strangled our politics.”*

*“America. In the face of our common dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children’s children that when we were tested, we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back, nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God’s grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations. “*

Barack Obama

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## No fooling — Russ and Donna Jennings

By JUDY JOHNSON

Coastlines Editor

Two former coast residents who now call the riverside their home have just welcomed a new addition to their home — a bouncing baby boy to whom they have given the name Russell Howard Jennings III.

He was born April 1, 1990, at 4:07 p.m. to proud parents Mr. and Mrs. Russell Howard Jennings II of Natchez. The new arrival weighed six pounds, eight ounces and measured 19 inches in length when he debuted at Jefferson Davis Memorial Hospital in Natchez.

The mother is the former Donna Southern. She and the proud papa, who is a former reporter and sports columnist with *The Mississippi Press*, are former residents of Jackson County.

Grandparents of the new arrival are Russ Jennings and Beth Cooperman of Gulfport, and Vernon and Betty Southern of Pascagoula.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N.R. Jennings of Marks, Miss., and Maude Poole of Grand Bay, Ala.

### have a brand new baby!

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